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Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria VA 22314 Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 21, 2008, setting a shortened threemonth statutory period for response to expire on October 21, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objection and rejections in view of the herein-contained remarks. However, if any extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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